



## **Sunday January 30<sup>th</sup> 2022**

Our Sunday service is at 11 am and this week we will stream the service live and record it for later viewing. The recording of the service will be available on Sunday and can be found on our YouTube channel by typing "St. David's Presbyterian Message for January 30, 2022" into Google. Copies of the hymns and scripture readings are included in the email sent out each Friday.

**Church Office Hours:** Rev. Sturtevant is back in the office from 10 am to 2 pm from Tuesday to Friday if you'd like to drop by to have a chat with him. For pastoral care at any other time please contact the minister, he can be reached by phone at 699-3661. You can always leave a message on the church's phone number (722-2382) or email us at [stdavids@nfld.com](mailto:stdavids@nfld.com).

**Prayer Partnership:** The Presbyterian Church in Canada offers a prayer partnership that may form part of a daily devotional, please consider these prayer partnerships. This week the Sunday January 30<sup>th</sup> prayer is directed to our sister congregation in Grand Falls:

**Sunday, January 30**

**In October 2019, a devastating fire destroyed much of St. Matthew's Presbyterian Church in Grand Falls-Windsor, Newfoundland.**



But, even with this loss and devastation weighing heavy on the hearts of the congregation, they still continued their outreach ministry to support the local community. During the pandemic, congregation members produced hats, mittens and incubator blankets for the local hospital, and also supported the local Food Bank and Salvation Army. Now that the church building has been fully restored and the congregation is able to gather again, they continue to show love to their neighbours by exploring new opportunities for using and sharing their restored space. St. Matthew's Presbyterian Church is supported by gifts to Presbyterians Sharing.

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DAILY PRAYERS

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**Sunday, January 30** We give thanks and pray for the congregation of St. Matthew's Presbyterian Church in Grand Falls-Windsor, Newfoundland as they gather and worship together in their restored church building.

**Monday, January 31** We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Western Han-Ca.

**Tuesday, February 1 (Black History Month)** We celebrate and give thanks for the contributions and prophetic witness of Black people in Canada.

**Wednesday, February 2** We pray for the people who gather and serve at Cedar Tree Ministries on Vancouver Island, British Columbia, and we give thanks for their mission and ministry.

**Thursday, February 3** We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Northern Saskatchewan.

**Friday, February 4** Generous God, may your Holy Spirit form and empower the newly ordained as they share in the ongoing ministry of the Risen Christ.

**Saturday, February 5** We pray for the members and work of the Committee on History.

## Message From the Minister:



As part of returning to Newfoundland, Michelle and I had to take 5 COVID rapid test during 5 days of isolation. Up until this point, I have somehow managed to avoid being tested, and now that I've had the experience five times, I don't feel the need to do it again! Nostrils were swabbed, testing liquid was mixed, drops were dripped, and not a single "T" line was to be seen, despite all my watering eyes and sneezing from the discomfort of the test.

As uncomfortable as it is, though, I'd be the first to defend how necessary these tests are. Since I can't see the virus directly, it's crucial to know what's going on inside me. Is the COVID in there? Am I a carrier?

If only everything were so easily measured and reported. Imagine if there were easy, at-home tests to tell you if you have enough generosity in your heart, enough forgiveness, or enough faith. We all want to be COVID free, but we have more personal goals than just that, and as I looked down at those tests proving my success in terms of viral load, I couldn't help but think how nice it would be if I could have confirmation of all the other things I want to be.

But that's not the way it works. In John 13, just after finishing washing his disciples feet and warning them that he would be leaving them soon, Jesus says *"By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."* We may not have rapid tests to look for the work of the Spirit on our souls, but we can still examine ourselves for symptoms.

So this week, may you be symptomatic of the Spirit, impacting the lives of those around you. May everyone know what is inside of you because of what comes forth from your mouth: kind words, encouragement, and cries for justice. After all, that's something actually worth spreading!

## **From the Board, Session and Treasurer**

### **In-person Church Services**

St. David's has again suspended our in-person church service. We are following the guidance of Public Health and our own Covid-19 Best Practices Committee. As we did in February and March of 2021 when we also stopped our in-person services, we will move back to in-person services when it is safe to do so.

### **VOWR recording this Sunday January 30<sup>th</sup>**

This Sunday, St. David's service will be broadcast as the Sunday evening service at 7 pm on VOWR. We would like to thank the Rollmann family for preparing the service for broadcast. St. David's is one of the churches which is regularly (four times a year) on VOWR throughout the year.

### **Getting the Service and Bulletin using our website**

This bulletin is placed on our website as soon as the Rollmann family receives a copy on Friday morning. The website is **stdavids.nf.ca** and if you type this in as your search, our website will be right there. At the top of the main page is a "Sunday Service" which will take you to this week's service link and bulletin. Since our Sunday services are now live-streamed, the link is already posted so people can experience the Sunday service at home live beginning at 11 am on Sunday. If you click on Video Service for Jan 30<sup>th</sup> you will see the screen and the note: live in "a number" of hours. After the fact, you can see the YouTube video of the service. If you would like to catch up on previous services all are available, simply scroll through the services and choose the Sunday service or bulletin that you would like to see or read.

**Can We Help?** Do you need help with any small jobs around the house or garden? Do you need any help getting groceries perhaps? Or maybe you would just like to have a chat with an elder? If so, give the church a call at 722-2382 or email us at [stdavids@nfld.com](mailto:stdavids@nfld.com) and we'll see what we can do to help.

## **Treasurer's Report, Session and Board of Managers (BoM) Update**

### **Treasurer's Notes**

I'd like to thank all who are continuing to donate to St. David's through your envelopes on Sunday mornings, by e-transfers, or through your monthly PAD contributions. My thanks go out to elders and friends who happily and gladly pick-up envelopes from those not able to get out and help by dropping them off at the church office.

Session and the Board of Managers are aware of our financial status and we will be taking a serious look at our finances during February. If you have any questions or suggestions on what we can do, please do not hesitate to contact me at [acalver@nf.sympatico.ca](mailto:acalver@nf.sympatico.ca).

**By the way, the sole email address we are using to accept donations is [stdavidsnfld@gmail.com](mailto:stdavidsnfld@gmail.com) and this one is linked to our bank account and it will automatically accept all donations.**

### **Board of Managers Update**

There has been a response to our job description and we are leaving the application process open until February 12<sup>th</sup>. Rev. David Sturtevant and Anne Calver will be reviewing the application(s) and getting back to those who applied. It may take a week or so to start interviews, but we'll keep you informed as we progress towards getting a new church administrator. The job description is available at our website, through our Facebook page, and on the PCC national website.

## **Bridges to Hope**

### Bridges To Hope

We are all hopeful that, before too long, we will be able to return to in-person worship services and some of our “normal” activities.

Bringing non-perishable food items to church for Bridges To Hope is one such activity in which many in our congregation like to participate. In anticipation of the return, we will be starting to print weekly “specials” from the various flyers of grocery/personal care items which are always in demand and useful to BTH clients.

Perhaps you’d like to start picking up a few of these items so that you are ready when you are comfortable making your next trip to St. David’s. If you wish, items can be dropped off at the church during the week; there is generally someone there, Tuesday to Friday, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

Whatever level we are in, the demand for assistance does not diminish! Now, more than ever, your support is needed, and very much appreciated. Thank you.

#### Weekly Specials

January 27 – February 2, 2022

#### Good Buys for Food Trolley

<b>STORE</b>	<b>ITEM</b>	<b>PRICE</b>
Lawtons	Premium Plus Crackers	\$2.99
	Cheese Whiz (450g)	\$2.99
Dominion	Graves/Fairlee apple/orange juice	\$0.99
	Dove Soap/Bodywash/Hair Care(member’s price)	\$3.49
Shoppers	Kraft Peanut Butter	\$3.99 (Saturday & Sunday)
	No Name Milk	\$0.99 (Saturday & Sunday)
	Soft Soap Body Wash	\$2.99 (Saturday & Sunday)

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

## **Birthdays and Anniversaries and Graduations**

Happy Birthday to Charlie Goobie who will be celebrating his birthday with family and friends – near and far – on February 3<sup>rd</sup>! Charlie and Olive are long-standing members of St. David's and very supportive of all the events and activities here at our Church. Charlie has been a great friend of the Good Companions group over the years. He is an excellent carpet bowler and an unbiased judge of many a close shot! A special Happy Birthday from all the Good Companions and best wishes from your St. David's family! We hope you have a wonderful birthday!

Happy Birthday greetings to Fraser Myles, who will be celebrating his birthday on February 3<sup>rd</sup> with family and friends, including his mom and dad, Joan and Wayne Myles and sister, Nicole. Best wishes Fraser from your St. David's family - we hope you have a wonderful day!

Happy Birthday greetings to Collins Bekoe, who will be celebrating his birthday on February 6<sup>th</sup>! Collins will be celebrating his birthday with wife, Mavis, and their little boy, Calvin, along with many friends and family – here and abroad. Best wishes Collins from your St. David's family - we hope you have a great day and may there be many more to come!

**If you know of someone who is going to have a birthday or an anniversary in the coming days or weeks, please call or email the church.**

## **Announcements**

We would like to thank Rev. Armour for his donation to the Memorial Fund in memory of Hugh McGarvie. The McGarvie family were active in our church while Rev. Armour was minister.

## **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

There will be no Prayer Shawl Ministry (Knitter's Group) for February. We hope to "pick up" the stitches and needles in March!

## **Souper Group News**

Our next "Soup Lunch on Wheels" is scheduled for Wednesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>! Members and friends of our of our congregation who would like more information about the "Lunch", please call Lillian (754-2362) or Janet (745-1343).

## **News from the Pews**

### **Sheena's Story**

*Sheena Findlay is a dear friend of many here at St. David's and has been an important member of our little Church community for many years. Not too long ago, I was privileged to share a chat and a cup of tea and some tea biscuits with Sheena and I got a glimpse of her life growing up and her family. With her permission, I'm sharing this with you and in the near future, I hope to hear more of her fascinating life and her connection with our St. David's family!*

## Sheena's Story (Part I)

I was born in 1937, the youngest of five children, in a village in Ayrshire, Scotland. We were part of a large extended family, my mum the eldest of ten, and my dad from a family of twelve. I never ran short of siblings or cousins, and our family weddings, in my memory, were huge and ruinous...and such great fun!

My dad and mum made a living from a small business in our village, started by my folks, after a post war slump in jobs for young men in 1918. (My dad's original apprenticeship as an iron moulder.) It was only later in life that I really understood just how much they had "made lemonade" when life dealt them "lemons".

Neither of them had opportunity for much education, leaving school at 11 (dad) and 15(mum), yet they built up a successful business over 45 years doing home delivery among the many farm families around us. My mother managed the shop part, where her warm personality and sharp mind brought in both customers and friends during the demanding years of the Depression. Together they raised three sons and two daughters, and were determined to give all of us as much as we could take of the educational opportunities that they never had! So I grew up learning how to work hard, and also quickly, got 'hooked' on learning new things, about the world and about the people around me, which is still a major part of my personality and my life. I hope I will only stop learning when I stop breathing!

But if our home was a place where there were clear expectations of making the best of our different gifts, it was also a place of tremendous love and support – and fun! Both parents really knew how to enjoy themselves, and to encourage others to enjoy themselves. Like many other women at the

time of the second World War when rationing made hospitality very challenging, my mum was able to bake and cook for an unexpected crowd with seemingly no ingredients, and she and dad were amazingly welcoming to all the friends their children brought home. My eldest brother Jim, who was in the Royal Navy for three years, when I was just starting school, was forever bringing home sailor friends on his leaves, and expecting my mum to somehow stretch our “rations” to feed our seven, plus three “strangers”!

*(To Be Continued.....)*

## Archival Moment

This week, we have another great picture from that Sunday in August, 1965 when the sod was turned for the Christian Education Building (the Church Hall). Unfortunately, Rev. Goldsmith's head is missing(!), and we are not totally sure who a couple of the choristers are, so if you know who they are, please let Pam Bruce know....

Sunday, August 28, 1965: Preparing to Turn the Sod for the new Christian Education Building. From left to right: Mrs. John Calver, Rev. Dr. Brown, Rev. Goldsmith, Rae Frost, Shirley Hodder(?), Katherine Penney (?), Florence Bartlett, Valda Morrissey, Millie Hammond, June Barter, Rowena Bartlett, Fred Penney. (Note: The spade that Mrs. Calver is holding in this picture is the same one that she used to turn the sod for St. David's Church in 1958.)



## Church Trivia Questions

### Way back when:

**Last week the question was:** After all the talk of rum, how did Rev. Ward react and what did he do?

**The answer is:** The Rev. D. S. Ward was concerned about the use of rum as payment for work. He was also a supporter of the Temperance Society which was founded in 1833. He proposed the pledge “We whose names are subscribed do voluntarily agree to abstain entirely not only from the use of spirituous but also from the use of vinous liquors, except for medicinal purposes.”

**This week the question is:** Rev. Ward was a popular figure and how did the Benevolent Irish Society respond?

### Recent History:

**Last week the question was:** What was one of the significant events described in the May 3, 2020 bulletin? Hint: think “first steps”!

**The answer is:** The minister’s son, Orson, took his first steps away from the coffee table and into Michelle’s arms.

**This week the question is:** What year did Mr. James Steele join the Session?

**Do you have any ideas for some church trivia? Email or call the church.**

**Offerings** Your church donations can take many forms including using the Pre-Authorized Donation (PAD), if you'd like to have your donations made using PAD, please consider signing up. Simply email the church and we will put you in touch with Ian Bruneau, our Envelope Secretary. He will answer any questions you may have. Alternately, you can donate via e-transfer to [stdavidsnfld@gmail.com](mailto:stdavidsnfld@gmail.com). Using your bank's comment section, you can specify information like your envelope number and how you would like your money distributed; to Current, Presbyterian Sharing, or any of our outreach programs. You may also donate through Canada Helps. You may also mail your donation, drop it off at the church, or call the church and someone would be pleased to pick it up for you.

**How can we help you at this time?** Do you need any help getting groceries, having something picked up, or having something dropped off (like this bulletin or the minister's weekly sermons)? Would you just like to have a chat with the minister or your elder? Please call the church at 722-2382 or email us at [stdavids@nfld.com](mailto:stdavids@nfld.com) and we'll see what we can do to help.

**Ideas to keep in touch** Do you have any ideas how we can keep in touch with one another or what you'd like to see us do now that things are re-opening. Call and let us know! Please keep in touch!

**Web Site** We'd like you to visit our web site, which is the place to find past services and any number of interesting things. The Sunday services are found on the web site and the text of the sermon is also available in the comment section. Our web site is **[stdavids.nf.ca](http://stdavids.nf.ca)**

Once there, choose ministries and look for the service you'd like to see or hear. There are over 600 services on-line too listen to or see.

## How to reach us:

**Minister:** Rev. David Sturtevant – Cell phone: 699-3661

**Church Administrator:** Vacant

**Church Office:** (709) 722-2382

**Church email:** [stdavids@nfld.com](mailto:stdavids@nfld.com)

**Facebook page:** <http://www.facebook.com/stdavidsstjohns>

## Groups:

**Women's Auxiliary – Lillian Crawford**

**Good Companions (Seniors) – Kay Scott**

**Bible Study Group – Sheena Findlay**

**Atlantic Mission Society – Kathy McKay**

**Session – Lillian Crawford**

**Board of Managers – Ken Templeton (Session rep)**

**Prayer Shawl (Knitters) – Bouwina Fogwill**

**Willing Hands (Quilter Group) – Patsy Carmichael**

**Food For Thought (University and Early Career) – Ernst Rollmann**

## Session: the elders are:

Lillian Crawford	Jim Steele	Ken Templeton
Sue Templeton	Janet Calver	Kathy McKay
Penny Gillies	Steve Bruneau	Ian Bruneau
Aubrey Bonnell	Eleanor Bonnell	Jenny Griffioen
Jennifer Waterman	Ed Vanderkloet	Tanya Shalaby

## Board of Managers: the members of the Board are:

Ken Templeton	Ed Vanderkloet	Steve Bruneau
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**Treasurer:** Anne Calver

**Envelope Secretary:** Ian Bruneau